

Hall, would implore us, Now is the time.

I want to thank Senator FEINSTEIN for introducing this bill in the other body. I want to thank Matt McGowan and Khalil Abboud from the Joint Committee on the Library for diligently working to get this extension enacted into law. I want to thank Barbara Wolanin from the Architect of the Capitol's Office for working with all of us to make sure that the goals of my original bill are realized.

I want to thank Chairman BRADY and Ranking Member EHLERS for their sensitivity on this critical issue at this critical hour. And I want to thank in a special way our late Chair, Juanita Millender-McDonald, who worked with me tirelessly on this effort.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, I might add that in the 13 years I have had the privilege of serving in this body, I have only missed two votes: one vote because my pager died and the battery did not forward my pager the power to let me know to vote; and the other vote was when I was on the other side of the aisle so overwhelmed by the number of Republicans who were willing to sign onto a Rosa Parks statue in Statuary Hall that the Democratic clerks could not find me to tell me to vote. I was overwhelmed by that occasion.

I am hoping, Mr. Speaker, that today Members of Congress will once again vote "aye" on S. 2206. I know of no American more worthy of an honor than the late Mrs. Rosa Parks.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers, but I would like to close with a few additional comments.

First of all, I admire my colleague's voting record. It is a rare person who misses only two votes during 13 years.

But above all, I want to comment on a few things relating to Rosa Parks. First, what impresses me is how much one person who is determined to fight for what is right can accomplish. She was a marvelous person and stuck to her guns in tough situations, and she carried the day and inspired a lot of other people to carry the day.

The other factor is, as I look around the world today, and the United States especially, and compare that to the world before Rosa Parks, what a mammoth change we have undergone. But also as I look around, I still remember how much further we have to go. And let us always work in the spirit of Rosa Parks to destroy discrimination of all sorts and make certain that every American and in fact every citizen of this planet enjoys the freedom that we enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would again like to thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) for his participation and for his voting record also. And I thank my friend from Michigan, the ranking member, for all he has done. We have a great working relationship, and I

thank him for continuing that relationship.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2206.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee) at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

## REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3685, EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007

Ms. CASTOR, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-422) on the resolution (H. Res. 793) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3685) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

## APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 3222, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXII and by direction of the Committee on Appropriations, I move to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. MURTHA, DICKS, VISCLOSKEY, MORAN of Virginia, Ms. KAPTUR, Messrs. CRAMER, BOYD of Florida, ROTHMAN, BISHOP of Georgia, OBEY, YOUNG of Florida, HOBSON,

FRELINGHUYSEN, TIAHRT, WICKER, KINGSTON, and LEWIS of California.

There was no objection.

## MOTION TO CLOSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON H.R. 3222, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008, WHEN CLASSIFIED NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, I move that meetings of the conference between the House and the Senate on H.R. 3222 be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information may be broached, providing that any sitting Member of the Congress shall be entitled to attend any meetings of the conference.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, the motion is not debatable and the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on permitting closed conference committee meetings on H.R. 3222 will be followed by 5-minute votes on motions to suspend the rules with regard to H.R. 513, by the yeas and nays, and H. Res. 744, by the yeas and nays.

The votes on H. Res. 379 and H. Con. Res. 236 will be taken later in the week.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 351, nays 0, not voting 81, as follows:

[Roll No. 1034]

## YEAS—351

Abercrombie	Calvert	Dingell
Aderholt	Camp (MI)	Doggett
Allen	Campbell (CA)	Donnelly
Altmire	Cantor	Drake
Andrews	Capito	Dreier
Arcuri	Capps	Edwards
Baca	Capuano	Ehlers
Bachmann	Cardoza	Ellison
Bachus	Carnahan	Ellsworth
Baker	Carter	Emerson
Baldwin	Castle	Engel
Barrett (SC)	Castor	English (PA)
Barrow	Chabot	Eshoo
Bartlett (MD)	Chandler	Etheridge
Barton (TX)	Clarke	Everett
Becerra	Clay	Fallin
Berkley	Cleaver	Farr
Berry	Clyburn	Fattah
Biggert	Coble	Feeney
Blibray	Cohen	Filner
Billirakis	Cole (OK)	Fortenberry
Bishop (GA)	Conaway	Fossella
Bishop (NY)	Conyers	Fox
Bishop (UT)	Cooper	Frank (MA)
Blackburn	Costa	Franks (AZ)
Blumenauer	Courtney	Frelinghuysen
Boehner	Cramer	Galleghy
Bonner	Crenshaw	Garrett (NJ)
Bono	Cuellar	Gerlach
Boozman	Culberson	Gilchrest
Boren	Davis (AL)	Gillibrand
Boucher	Davis (CA)	Gingrey
Boustany	Davis (KY)	Gonzalez
Boyd (FL)	Davis, David	Goode
Boyda (KS)	Davis, Lincoln	Goodlatte
Brady (PA)	Davis, Tom	Gordon
Brady (TX)	Deal (GA)	Granger
Broun (GA)	DeFazio	Graves
Brown (SC)	DeGette	Green, Al
Brown-Waite,	Delahunt	Green, Gene
Ginny	DeLauro	Grijalva
Buchanan	Dent	Hall (NY)
Burgess	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hall (TX)
Burton (IN)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hastings (FL)